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Transmitted herewith: [X] a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment; [] a Reply to Office Action; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 51 and 52 as follows:

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57. (Added) A method of using the nucleic acid molecule of claim 7, the vector of claim 8 or 9, the antibody of claim 15, and/or the antagonist/inhibitor of claim 16 to inhibit RNA-directed RNA polymerase activities.